

this legislation a top priority in future National Defense Authorization Acts and Highway Bills.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all Members to join me in cosponsoring the "Defense Access Roads Improvement Act."

HONORING DR. SANDRA HARRIS'
70TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Sandra Harris of Ann Arbor, Michigan on the occasion of her 70th birthday. Her excellent service to our community is worthy of commendation.

Born and raised in Ann Arbor, Dr. Harris is a graduate of Mack Elementary, Forsythe Middle School, and Pioneer High School. She attended Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti where she earned four degrees: a bachelors, masters, specialists, and doctorate, all in the education field. She began her career at Ann Arbor Public Schools, serving in various roles, including as teacher, Vice Principal, Personnel Director, and Vocational Coordinator. Dr. Harris then went on to serve as Superintendent at Lincoln Consolidated Schools and the Oak Park School District before retiring. Coming out of retirement, Dr. Harris now serves as Dean Emerita and Director of Graduate Education at the School of Education at Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

Dr. Harris' lifelong dedication to education exemplifies her passion for helping the youth in our community succeed and thrive. Her work has touched the lives of so many and her warmth and enthusiasm for helping others is made known wherever she goes. Even if she is busy, she always has time to mentor the next generation. Her commitment to our students has not gone unnoticed, and Dr. Harris is the recipient of multiple awards including the Women of Distinction Award from the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council, the Outstanding Professional Educator Award from the Ann Arbor Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, the Most Influential Women Award from Business Direct Weekly, and the Women of Courage-Women of Change Award from the Minerva Educational Development Foundation.

Dr. Sandra Harris has paved the way for young African American women in our community and is a trailblazer in educational leadership. She is the first African American to earn a Doctor of Education from Eastern Michigan University, the first African American to hold the position of Superintendent for Lincoln Consolidated Schools and the first African American to become a Dean at Concordia University. Additionally, she was the first female Superintendent at Oak Park School District. Dr. Harris is a member of the Ann Arbor Chapter of the Links, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, and the Second Baptist Church of Ann Arbor. Her continued involvement and outstanding contributions to our community are commendable, and I am proud to honor all her accomplishments here today.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Dr. Sandra Harris on her

70th birthday. She is someone that I am proud to call my friend. I join with Sandra's family and friends in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
REPRESENTATIVE LYNN WRIGHT

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mississippi State Representative Lynn Wright. Mr. Wright passed away on June 17, 2022, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He was 69.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Loyd Wright, Sr. and Jo Etta Lipsey Wright. Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Ginger Howell Wright; sons, Josh Wright (Caroline), Jody Wright (Meredith) and Jonathan Wright (Pearl); brothers, Loyd Wright (Susan), Larry Wright (Kathy), Luther Wright (Penney) and Lane Wright (Carol); sister, Beth Wright Ludwig (Michael), and six grandchildren, Roper Penny, Thomas Wright, Levee Wright, Lydia Wright, Wellesley Wright and Landon Wright.

Lynn Wright graduated valedictorian from Carrollton High School (AL) in 1970, where he played football for Hall of Fame Coach Billy McGee. He went on to play football at the University of West Alabama where he helped lead the Tigers to a 22-7-3 overall record during his three years in Livingston, including an overall record of 8-1-2, and a trip to the NAIA Semifinals in 1972. After graduating from UWA in 1975, Mr. Wright began his coaching career in 1983 at McIntosh Academy, where he would serve as head coach through the 1987 season.

Mr. Wright has also coached five undefeated football teams and has put together winning streaks of 47 and 32 games. In addition to coaching, he also served as the Headmaster at Pickens Academy and won the AISA 2A Presidents Award for the Highest Academic School in its class. Mr. Wright is a 2003 inductee into the AISA Hall of Fame. He served in Education for 44 years. He also served as Headmaster and Head Coach at Jackson Academy and New Hope High School Principal. Mr. Wright was elected and served as Lowndes County (MS) Superintendent of Education from 2011-19 during which time the school district under his leadership received an 'A' rating from the state, and a state-of-the-art career technical center. Caledonia Elementary School and New Hope High School were also built under his leadership. In 2020, Mr. Wright was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives District 37 and served as a Republican until his passing.

Pallbearers will be Steve Davis, Darrell Gregory, Tony Holmes, Sam McCorkle, Leo Wright and Steve Younger. Honorary Pallbearers are the Mississippi House of Representatives, former teammates, coaches and players and the Juanice Hayes Sunday School Class.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PELL GRANT

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Pell Grant Program. Congress first enacted this program in 1972 to ensure all students would have the same access to higher education and opportunities for success, regardless of their income.

Since then, the Pell Grant Program has evolved into the foundation of federal college assistance for students nationwide. It has become an essential tool for students in financial need to utilize in their pursuit of the American Dream, and it's working.

Over the last 50 years, more than 80 million students—including 7 million currently—have received a Pell Grant to pursue opportunities in higher education nationwide. In Washington's 5th Congressional District alone, Pell Grants have helped more than 19,000 students pursue degrees at one of Eastern Washington's prestigious college institutions by providing an incredible \$83 million in financial support during the 2020-21 academic year. The program has been especially impactful across the Washington State University system, where approximately 10,000 students received a Pell Grant to help pay for tuition.

This program has changed the lives of so many in Washington and across the country. Many of these bright minds will go on to earn their degree and become the next generation of entrepreneurs, innovators, and world leaders. All because this program gave them a chance that they may not have had 50 years ago.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating "National Pell Grant Day" today, June 23, and recognize both the students and successful graduates who have proved how special of an investment this program has become. Together, let us continue to teach our children that their circumstances do not define them, encourage them to chase their dreams, and celebrate this program that has provided support to so many.

RECOGNIZING BRUCE PLATZMAN

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bruce Platzman, a passionate entrepreneur and community leader who, as CEO and President of the furniture manufacturing company Affordable Interior Systems (AIS), has improved lives both locally and nationally over the last three decades.

Beginning his career as a salesperson, Bruce has been a worker in the furniture industry for over 35 years. In 1989 Bruce co-founded AIS and has been the driving engine for its rapid growth, ushering the company into the 21st century as a strong leader in the industry. Under his leadership, AIS has prioritized working with local groups, such as